

work. Ellie has planned the Hall of Fame Raffles, solicited the prizes and sold over 200 tickets each year, she has raised close to \$8,000 for the Clovis Hall of Fame Permanent Display. Ellie is an Executive Ambassador and a Past Director of the Clovis Chamber of Commerce. She is a very caring, community minded citizen of Clovis.

The "Founders Awards" go to the Blasingame Family and the Sample Family.

The Blasingame Family started with Jesse Augustus Blasingame, known as "Jesse A". He was a native of Talladega County, Alabama, and completed his time in the Mexican War. Jesse A. was then given "scrip" to buy land out west. Jesse A. married Mary Jane Sample, a native of Fresno County. They had a son, Jesse Knox Blasingame. Jesse Knox spent his entire life in the cattle business in Fresno County. He was very active in the California Cattlemen's Association, the Grange and the California Farm Bureau. Knox and his wife Thelma had two sons, Morgan and Knox Jr., and a daughter, Barbara. Morgan and Knox are still raising cattle in the Clovis foothills; Barbara lives in Fresno and still owns the land in the Clovis foothills. Both Knox Jr. and Barbara were extremely supportive and worked with the City of Clovis to secure the University of California Education Site near Academy, several years ago. The Blasingame Family has exhibited The Clovis Way of Life attributes; family, responsibility, work, honesty, independence, appropriate space, education, community service and loyalty. They are one of Clovis' most treasured legacies.

The Sample Family departed from Mississippi with a large group and settled in the central San Joaquin Valley after the Civil War. David Cowan (D.C.) Sample married Sally Cole, who became the parents of 11 children whose descendants, still live in the Clovis-foothill area. Dr. Thomas Sample, one of D.C.'s sons, was an old-fashioned doctor in the best sense. He treated all that came for help, regardless of their ability to pay. He built the Sample Sanitarium in the 300 block of North Fulton Street; the building still stands today. DC Sample, affectionately known as "Bud" and Harry Sample stayed in the immediate area. Bud's children, Sally Sharer and Pug Perkins still live in Clovis. Harry's children, Bonner, Jane Craiger and Tommy live close by. One of Bonner's children is Captain Scotty who flies around the valley every morning giving us the traffic report.

"The Hall of Fame Honorees" are The Clovis Rodeo Association, Sgt. Shelby Cox, Everett George "Bud" and Evelyn Rank, Wesley and Betty Wipf.

The Clovis Independent Newspaper stated, "Perhaps more than any other group or organization, The Clovis Rodeo Association exemplifies life in Clovis. For more than 80 years, the association has organized and operated the Clovis Rodeo, which has grown from a small gathering of working cowboys to a world-renowned event that was televised nationally for the first time this year. The Clovis Rodeo Association has served as Clovis' Ambassadors to the world, and has become an integral part of the history, stability and growth of the community of Clovis."

Sgt. Shelby Cox—his dedication to the citizens of Clovis was always in the forefront dur-

ing his nearly 35 years with the Clovis Police Department. He was active in community groups as well as department activities, and founded several of the Clovis Police Department's more popular programs. The goal of the Hall of Fame is to honor citizens that have made a difference; that have contributed to the growth and development of Clovis. Shelby has made a difference, he has contributed to "the Clovis way of life."

Everett George "Bud" and Evelyn Rank—Bud and Evelyn were raised on Clovis farms and graduated from Clovis High School. They were married and raised their family in Clovis. Bud, a member of the Clovis Rodeo Association since 1940, was active in the Clovis Young Farmers, California Young Farmers, Clovis Masonic Lodge, Clovis Grange, Clovis Farm Bureau and the Fresno County Farm Bureau. He served as Board President of the Fort Washington School, President, Vice President and Clerk of the Clovis Unified School Board—a charter Director of the Clovis Schools Foundation and was on the Board of Directors of the Clovis-Sanger Cotton Gin. They raised their daughters Ginny Hovsepian, Judy Rank and Pat Rank who remain in the area. Evelyn supported all of her husband's activities as well as serving as a Northwest Sunday school Kindergarten Teacher and a Deaconess for the Northwest Church. Evelyn worked for Congressman Pashayan's office and at the White House Greeting Office while they were in Washington, DC. She also participated with the Reagan Reelection Committee and served on the Reagan Inaugural Committee. Upon returning home, she served on Clovis School Bond Committees. The Ranks are avid football fans and have rarely missed a Clovis Unified School District home game.

Wesley and Betty Wipf got married at 5 AM and have stayed married for over 51 years. Wes lived at Shaver Lake and moved to Clovis in 1940. While attending Clovis High School, he received the Sassano All American Blanket for Track. Wes went on to manage the Newberry's variety store in Clovis. He later opened the first donut shop in Clovis and then when Wiffie's Trophy Shop outgrew the bedroom in his home, he opened a shop on Fourth Street. Betty is the former Betty Pendergrass of the Clovis famed family. She became a teacher and taught at Weldon Elementary School for over 28 years. Betty still substitutes and is a "Home Hospital Instructor." The Wipf's are members of the Clovis United Methodist Church, where Betty has been a member for over 50 years. Now in retirement the Wipf's have donated over 1,000 hours of work to the Clovis Hospital Guild; hours and hours of time to the Clovis Chamber of Commerce, and participate every morning with the Mall Walkers Group at the Sierra Vista Mall.

"Citizen of the Year"—Tom Stearns—Tom was born in West Fresno, went to local schools and relocated to Clovis in 1956. Tom and his wife, Burline, have three daughters and five grandchildren. Tom was raised on a small farm in West Fresno; he worked as a farm laborer through High School. Tom worked for PG&E from 1945–1993, he is now retired. Tom has been dedicated to the Clovis Community, having served on the Clovis City

Council since 1983. Tom was Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem, and is currently serving out the remainder of a two-year term as a Council member. Tom has been a member of the Rodeo Association since 1981 and has served on most of the Rodeo Committees. Tom has been on the Board of Directors for the past seven years and is serving his first term as President. Tom was elected Citizen of the Year for his extensive participation with the Rodeo Association to enlarge the event to a three-day show and to help secure exposure on television through E.S.P.N. With his guidance as President and with the full support of the Rodeo Association Board, the Clovis Rodeo and the community of Clovis was brought to international attention.

Mr. Speaker, I want to congratulate all of the Clovis Chamber of Commerce 1999 Hall of Fame Inductees. Each of the winners is an outstanding citizen and deserves special recognition. I urge my colleagues to join me in wishing each award winner many more years of continued success.

TRIBUTE TO PAUL B. SOUDER

HON. ROBERT A. UNDERWOOD

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 28, 1999

Mr. UNDERWOOD. Mr. Speaker, the island of Guam bids farewell to an esteemed resident and long-time servant of the community. Paul B. Souder, a former military officer and colleague in the field of education and public administration, was called to his eternal rest on October 15, 1999.

Paul Souder was born on July 20, 1915, in Des Moines, Iowa. Having graduated from Roosevelt High School in Des Moines, he went on to attend Drake University from 1933 through 1935. He later received an undergraduate and a master's degree from Iowa State University and worked towards a doctorate degree at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Through his college career, he worked as a teaching assistant, research assistant and research fellow at Iowa State, at Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, and at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. In 1943, he was called to serve in the United States Navy. Between 1944 and 1945, he attended the Naval School of Military Government at Princeton University.

Mr. Souder first arrived on Guam in 1945 while still serving in the military as a naval officer. He worked for the pre-Organic Act Naval Government as the head of the Department of Records and Accounts. This department handled tasks now assigned to the Departments of Revenue and Taxation, Administration, Commerce, and Land Management, the Commercial Port, and the United States Immigration and Naturalization Service.

When Guam was granted civil government by the Organic Act of 1950, Mr. Souder worked for the local government where, at different times, he served as director for several of the island's newly created agencies. During his service of nearly half a century with all three branches of the government of Guam, he headed the Department of Public Works,

the Department of Land Management and Commerce, the Bureau of Planning, the Guam Energy Office, and the Public Utility Commission. He also served as Executive Assistant to the Governor of Guam and as Director of the Guam Legislative Research Bureau. His retirement in 1988 as Program Coordinator for the Superior Court of Guam concluded his long and distinguished service with the local government.

Over the years, Mr. Souder also worked in managerial capacities for a number of businesses. He held memberships in the Land Transfer Board, the Board of Equalization, the Rotary Club, the Guam Historical Society, the Board of Education, the Territorial Planning Commission, and the Guam Chamber of Commerce. He was a long-standing member of the Vicariate Council, the Agana Cathedral Financial Council and also active with the Parents-Teachers Associations of Bishop Baumgartner, the Cathedral School, the Academy of Our Lady, and Saint Francis School. In recognition of his community and public service, Mr. Souder received awards and honors from institutions such as the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and the Public Works Center of Guam. He is also the recipient of a papal decoration from His Holiness Pope John XXIII.

We have been truly blessed in having Mr. Souder become a part of our island community. The legacy he leaves behind includes several decades of government and community service as well as extensive literary works on Guam history, culture, flora and fauna. He will greatly be missed by all of us on Guam. On behalf of the people of Guam, I join his widow, the former Mariquita Calvo Torres, and his children Laura, Deborah, and Paul Bernhardt in celebrating his life and mourning the loss of a husband, father, and fellow public servant. Adios, Mr. Souder.

ON THE DEATH OF ARMENIAN
PRIME MINISTER SARKISIAN

HON. JOHN D. DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 28, 1999

Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my profound sorrow at the tragedy that has unfolded today in Armenia.

Mr. Speaker, the transition to democracy has not been easy for the nations of the former Soviet Union. It is all too easy for a nation going through so difficult a transition to lose sight of its goal of building a peaceful, prosperous, democratic nation. Because in times that try men's souls and challenge their convictions, the forces of darkness, hate, violence, and demagoguery offer easy, false answers to the most difficult and complex problems.

Today, Mr. Speaker, the forces of evil have struck a blow to the people of Armenia and their democratic government. I am saddened to hear of the deaths of Prime Minister Sarkisian, Speaker Demirchian, Finance Minister Barkudaryan, and the other officials. I pray for their families, and for the country they loved and served with distinction.

The Armenian people have faced great trials and tests throughout their history. They have proved their resilience in the face of tragedy before, and I have no doubt that they will endure today's tragic occurrence, recognize that a madman's bullet can never put an end to a people's dreams, and keep moving forward on the path of peace and freedom.

Armenia faces serious challenges at home and abroad. When I met Prime Minister Sarkisian last month, he expressed his hopes for the future of his nation, and his desire to tackle the problems of today. Yesterday, he witnessed his country hold free and fair local elections. He had also participated in conversations attempting to initiate the peace process with Azerbaijan. It is now time for others to use his life, beliefs, and death to motivate them to continue to build on the principles he embodied and the work he leaves unfinished.

Mr. Speaker, let us all pray for the families of the victims and the people of Armenia. We must remember that making the transition to democracy is no easy task. Let us in America recommit ourselves to assisting Armenia and other countries making this most difficult transition.

ALBERT EINSTEIN MONUMENT
AND SCIENCE GARDEN

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 28, 1999

Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to call attention to a very special ceremony taking place December 8, 1999: the dedication of the Albert Einstein Monument and Science Garden in Jerusalem. The monument and this occasion pay tribute to the greatest mind of the 20th Century and perhaps of all time—Albert Einstein. I also want to recognize the contributions of Dr. Dan Maydan, president of Applied Materials, Inc., whose generosity made this ceremony possible.

Einstein's scientific revelations transformed mankind's understanding of the origins and nature of the universe, and placed within humanity's grasp the power of the elemental forces of nature. But Einstein's genius was not limited to the scientific realm alone, as he was also a great humanitarian, strong advocate for world peace and a proud Jew. A powerful advocate of a Jewish state all his life, Einstein delivered the first-ever scientific address at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem in 1923. Although he was never able to return to Israel, Einstein worked for the rest of his life for the rebirth of the Jewish State, whose presidency he was offered in 1955, shortly before his death.

After his escape from the Nazis, Einstein made his home in the United States, becoming one of his adopted country's most revered citizens. In his memory, a deeply moving statue by the noted American artist Robert Berks was erected on the grounds of the National Academy of Sciences here in Washington. Washington's Einstein Memorial inspires all who visit it with its gentle power and its evocation of Einstein's world-altering ideas. For

young and old, scientists and non-scientists alike, the statue has become a place of pilgrimage, drawing people back again and again for contemplation and inspiration.

Now, thanks to the generosity of Dr. Dan Maydan, President of Applied Materials, Inc., of San Jose, California, a new casting of that statue is being dedicated in Jerusalem. Standing on the grounds of the Israel Academy of Sciences, the monument will serve not only as a tribute to Albert Einstein's contributions to the Jewish people and the State of Israel, but also to the bonds of scientific cooperation between the United States and Israel. This monument, and the display and visitor center that will accompany it, is certain to become a new historical and cultural landmark in Jerusalem. Like its counterpart in the United States, it will become a magnet for visitors and provide inspiration for future generations of scientists and statesmen.

Albert Einstein was a man of truly universal vision. "All religions, arts, and sciences," he said, "are branches of the same tree. All these aspirations are directed toward ennobling man's life, lifting it from the sphere of mere physical existence and leading the individual towards freedom." The Einstein Monument and Science Garden will serve as an eloquent testament to Einstein's scientific genius. Equally important in this dawning era of peace between Israel and its neighbors, it will commemorate Einstein's hatred of war and the vision of world peace that he so passionately espoused.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to please join me in celebrating this historic event as well as recognizing the efforts of Dr. Dan Maydan to bring this to fruition.

TRIBUTE TO DR. J. CARL NATCHEZ

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 28, 1999

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with sadness to pay special tribute to a dear friend of mine, Dr. J. Carl Natchez who passed away October 23, 1999. I had the pleasure of knowing Carl for many years. He was not only my Optometrist, he was a mentor to me. Carl shared my deep commitment to the promotion, protection, and enhancement of human dignity.

Dr. Natchez was born in Battle Creek, Michigan, on October 15, 1915, the son of Shay and Jennie Natchez. He was a retired Lieutenant Colonel of the U.S. Air Force, serving in World War II and was a Liaison Officer of the U.S. Air Force Academy. He graduated Valedictorian at Chicago College of Optometry. Dr. Natchez practiced as a Doctor of Optometry for 48 years in the Flint and Lansing area.

It is not often that our lives are touched by someone like Carl who has served his fellow citizens in so many ways; first in the Air Force, then through active participation in civic events, and through his skilled services as a Doctor of Optometry.

Dr. Natchez has made a tremendous contribution to all our lives and he will be greatly